

CARLOS AGUILAR TELLS STORY AS SOLDIER OF FORTUNE

Carlos Aguilar, Mexican soldier of fortune and at one time a Major on the staff of Francisco Villa held here on a charge of passing several large worthless checks and who was apprehended in New York while attempting to get a passport to Old Mexico, after a nation-wide search has been made for him, today gave a graphic and rather pathetic account of his life from the time he participated in the occupation of Vera Cruz in 1914 till he was wounded and captured in the battle of Celaz, near Juarez.

In 1914 Aguilar was a student in the Naval Academy of Mexico at Vera Cruz and during the fighting at Vera Cruz in which these students participated three were killed.

Back of this time, in 1908, Aguilar's father, then very wealthy, was President of the Mexican Congress and a member of the Scientific Party during the administration of Porfirio Diaz. At the time of the downfall of this party and the abdication of Diaz, his father lost all his property and most of his money and the boy, then only a youth, joined the troops of Emiliano Zapata, who was called in Mexico the Attila of the South. He was soon commissioned a captain because of his previous military experience and after the battle of Toluca was transferred to the Army of Francisco Villa. In engagements that followed with the government troops Aguilar received no less than eight wounds and still carries scars of them on both arms and on one leg. After some months of service in Villa's command Aguilar was commissioned a major and attached to the Staff of the revolutionary general, serving there till after the battle of Casa Balanca, near Juarez. In this engagement he was severely wounded in the leg and captured by General Obregon, and with other revolutionary prisoners was given \$25 and sent home.

Later, at the battle of Celaz, that determined the supremacy of the Carranza government and in which General Obregon lost an arm, Aguilar was again wounded in the leg.

His father, once one of the political leaders of Mexico, but now broken in health and almost ruined financially, could not make good his checks for \$3,250 that Aguilar had passed here and he is being held in jail on default of bond.

The young man who exhibits all the traits of an unusually well educated and traveled man must wait the outcome of his trial and an almost certain prison sentence.

Report Shows 5,064 Pupils In Audrain Schools

According to report of County Superintendent of Schools, Ed E. Offutt, just made public in total, there were 5,064 pupils in the schools of the county last year.

The enumeration divides them as follows: White boys, 2,430; white girls, 2,258. Colored boys, 170; colored girls, 206.

Of those graduating from high schools the girls led by 70, the boys totaling 61 and the girls 70.

The average length of the school year in the 101 school houses in the county was 162 days, exclusively of holidays.

An interesting thing about the report is the comparative salary of men and women teachers. The average for men was \$150, while that for women was \$106 a month. This is largely accounted for, however, by the fact that most of the men employed are in the capacity of principals or superintendents.

At the organization meeting Thursday night of the Junior Elks club for this city a committee was appointed to secure names of the boys between the ages of 6 and 15 who desired to become members and to interest them in the work. The committee was named as William Eller, Ed Gamble and Earl Moore.

A permanent organization will be effected in the near future.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO GET MEMBERSHIP IN LOCAL JUNIOR ELKS

MRS. SARAH WILFLEY DIESSUNDAY IN ST. LOUIS

Mrs. Sarah Pindall Wilfley, 81 years old, widow of James Franklin Wilfley, died at 4:45 o'clock Sunday morning at the home of her son, former United Senator Xenophon P. Wilfley, 5275 Westminster place, St. Louis, from a complication of diseases. She had been confined to her home since last Easter.

Mrs. Wilfley was an active church worker. She was a member of St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, Kingshighway and Washington boulevard, and for seven years served as a member of the Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. She was also one of the founders of the Kingdom House.

Mrs. Wilfley was a member of the St. Louis chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was the daughter of Gen. Evan Pindall of the Confederate Army. She was born September 6, 1840, in Fairmont, W. Va., and removed to Monroe County, Missouri, with her parents when a girl of 14 years.

The body arrived Tuesday at noon and taken direct to Santa Fe where burial was made at 2:30.

Mrs. Wilfley is survived by three sons, former Senator Wilfley, J. Douglas Wilfley of St. Louis and Leobus Redman Wilfley of New York, who was United States Judge in China during the Roosevelt administration.

Mrs. Wilfley was a beautiful Christian character beloved by many in this city where she had a host of relatives and friends. The Ledger is in extending sympathy to the bereaved.

At the regular meeting of the temporary Audrain Farmers' Association at the Court House Saturday night it was decided to call a special meeting for August 23, at 8 p. m., for the purpose of forming a permanent organization. William Hirth, founder of the Missouri Farmers' Association will be the principal speaker at this meeting.

The purpose of the meeting will be to affect a permanent organization before the state convention, which is to be held in Springfield on August 30 and 31 and Sept. 1, which it is expected will be the largest convention of its kind ever held in Missouri.

Already a large number of Audrain County farmers have planned to attend this convention going in autos and camping by the way.

Missouri now has almost 80,000 farm club members the membership having jumped by leaps during a contest between the counties north and south of the Missouri River. In this contest the side that signed up the most members was to have the state convention, the two cities competing being St. Joseph and Springfield. The group south of the river won.

Henry Dean, temporary secretary of the Audrain County organization is conducting an aggressive advertising campaign to secure delegates to the state meeting. He is also urging every farmer to attend the meeting in Mexico August 23 to hear Mr. Hirth.

William Hirth To Speak Here August 23rd

MISS INDIA JOHNSON TO TEACH IN PORTA RICO THIS COMING WINTER

Miss India Johnson, daughter of Mrs. Alex Carter, will leave September 1 for Porta Rico where she will teach school during the coming year. She will sail from New York, landing in San Juan, from where she will be assigned a school.

The schools on the island are operated by the government and Miss Johnson secured her position thru the War Department.

Work on C. & A. Roadbed Complete. Work on the raising of the roadbed approaching the C. & A. trestle east of Mexico is now completed. The track has been raised 16 inches on both sides of the trestle and the trestle itself has been raised the same height. This eliminates a part of the heavy grade at this point.

Mrs. Clifton Wheeler and two children, of Muskogee, Okla., has been visiting D. A. Powell and other relatives here. Mrs. Wheeler was Miss Bessie Powell, of the city, and has many friends here.

A County Organization

The Audrain county Farm Clubs, among the liveliest and most progressive organizations of their kind in the state, will meet shortly to form a County Organization.

If the Farm Clubs are to accomplish much that they have planned a county organization is essential. Already a large number of the school districts in Audrain have clubs. They meet weekly and discuss matters of interest to them. They attend other club meetings and confer together over problems.

How much better would it be if they had a countywide organization with a secretary through whom such problems could be taken up with all of the county clubs. The county organization has many splendid features and we trust the countywide proposition will succeed.

F. Mitchell White

WILL MOBILIZE STATE AGAINST BOOZE TRAFFIC

JEFFERSON CITY, Aug. 16.—All organizations in the state recently were asked by Attorney General Barrett to mobilize for a vigorous campaign against the manufacture of moonshine liquor in Missouri.

Barrett in a long statement said, "men are becoming blind daily, killed or made incurably insane," by drinking booze. Barrett said the liquor was manufactured under highly unsanitary conditions.

LLOYD AND DINGLE COM-PROMISE ON CONDUCT OF CENTENNIAL FAIR

SEDALIA, Mo., Aug. 16.—Trouble between Lieutenant-Governor Hiram Lloyd, chairman of the Centennial Commission, and A. C. Dingle, president of the State Fair Board, over who is to run the fair this week, was compromised by agreement that Lloyd is to be superintendent of admissions and Dingle and the fair board are to conduct the rest of the exhibition.

The conference between Gov. Hyde and the belligerents preceded the settlement. Dingle had threatened to oust Lloyd and the centennial commission from the affair completely, and he and Lloyd had a spirited verbal exchange in front of the Administration building of the Centennial Thursday night just before the pageant.

MONROE COUNTY PAYS \$18 A DAY TO KEEP TWO JAILBREAKERS GUARDED

Monroe County is paying \$18.00 a day for special guards to be certain to have two men in the jail when circuit court opens August 22. These men have escaped from the new county jail three times already and have promised their jailors they will repeat the performance whenever they get ready. By using three men as guards, each serving a portion of the 24 hours county officials believe the men will be there when wanted. The sheriff of the county resents the appointment of the guards. The prosecuting attorney is the one who made the arrangements and it may mean internal trouble in the courthouse crowd of that county by this act.

Leaves For China.

Mrs. Elizabeth Sheldon, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dick Wright in Fulton left Thursday for China to be with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Dyson. Mr. Dyson is teaching in the University at Soe Chow the city where Miss Nina Stallings of Mexico will be located.

Veterinarian to Locate Here.

Dr. C. R. Donham, a graduate of the Veterinarian Department of Iowa State College at Ames, has come to Mexico, where he will locate.

Following his school work he practiced in partnership with a veterinarian at Sac City, Iowa, and is now private veterinarian for the National Stock Yards.

Born to Lieut. and Mrs. H. W. Kunkel, August 11, at the base hospital Ft. Sheridan, Ill., a daughter, Lieut. and Mrs. Kunkel, former Mexico young people, are at home at Chamble Field, Easton, Ill.

Mrs. Kunkel was Miss Julia Tucker, of this city, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. C. Tucker.

Enrolls Son in M. M. A. Fred Ketch, who for many years was the business manager of the late Jake Hannon of Ardmore, Okla., arrived from Ardmore Thursday and enrolled his son in M. M. A., for the fall term.

AMERICANS TO BE RELEASED BY RUSSIANS

RIGA, Aug. 12.—One of the last obstacles to American relief in Russia was wiped out yesterday when Litvinov, the Soviet delegate, conferred with Walter Brown, head of the American commission, and had agreed to the demand that all Americans would be permitted to leave Russia.

Litvinov said the task of notifying all Americans would be difficult but that he thought it could be carried out satisfactorily. He was assured that deportation of Americans there would not be required.

A. R. Dallmeyer Has Interesting Stay in N. Y.

Alvin Dallmeyer, who with Mrs. Dallmeyer and Mr. Dallmeyer's father, R. Dallmeyer of Jefferson City are in New York buying fall goods, writes the following interesting letter of his trip:

Dear Mitch:

It's 11:40 by "daylight saving," which means it is 10:40 sure enuf. This plan makes one sleepy in the morning and never ready to go to bed at night. However, the boys can get to the golf course early here.

We've been in New York a week, taking the beautiful lake trip from Chicago to Buffalo and the New York Central here. We looked around a bit until Sunday, when father joined us and we have been buying goods all week. Lucille enjoys going with us.

The women of New York are in mourning it seems as the prevailing mode is black. The dresses are of black crepe and hats and shoes are black too. We have bought dresses, coats, and suits in black, with many attractive navy and brown colored ones.

Besides work we've been to the seashore twice and seen three excellent plays. It's been cool here, but warmed up today.

Father and I attended the Rotary Club luncheon Thursday. They celebrated their 12th anniversary.

The Metropolitan Opera House is draped in black in honor of Caruso.

Give our best regards to all. The "home town" will look mighty good to us when we get back.

Sincerely,  
A. R. DALLMEYER.

Golf Professional in Fulton.

Herbert ("Scotty") Irwin, who is under consideration for employment as a golf professional by the Fulton Country Club, arrived in Fulton Monday from Temple, Tex., and will be given an opportunity to demonstrate his skill at the game the next few days.

Irwin is a Scotchman and has been in this country eight years. He served in the army during the World War. His home formerly was in Edinburgh.—Fulton Gazette.

Plays Nine Hole in 41.

Mrs. Bruce Campbell and son, of East St. Louis, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Morris. Mrs. Campbell expects to place her son in M. M. A. this fall. Young Campbell, who is 14 years old, won the metropolitan gold handicap in East St. Louis, this year and has played the local course since coming to Mexico in 41.

Mrs. C. A. Mitchell has gone to New Bloomfield to be with her husband, Rev. C. A. Mitchell, who is conducting a series of revival meetings there.

VANDALIA WOULD FORM NEW COUNTY

Word has reached Mexico that a movement has been started in Vandalia to create a new county in the state, by taking a slice from Audrain, Ralls, Pike and possibly Montgomery and making Vandalia the county seat of this proposed county.

One of the foremost men connected with the movement is Dr. J. C. Parrish, of Vandalia an ardent Republican and formerly a member of the Board of Curators of the University who, to stimulate the plan, has offered \$1,000 toward the court house building that will be necessary.

It is understood that other influential citizens of Vandalia and the section closely are behind the plan for the growth it would mean for that city but their action has been without any publicity thus far.

When the question was mentioned to several citizens of Mexico they expressed surprise that such action was even contemplated and said that the citizens of the county would never consent to losing any part of their territory.

The only way for such a county to be formed would be for the people of the several counties to vote to relinquish the land necessary for the new county, which in the case of Audrain would be Quivre township.

Section III, Art. 9 of the Constitution of Missouri of 1875 provides as follows:

"The general Assembly has no power to establish any new county of territory less than 410 square miles, nor to reduce any county now established to a less area."

"No county shall be deprived or have any portion stricken therefrom without submitting the question to the vote of the people of that county, nor unless a majority of the qualified voters of the county affected shall vote therefor, nor shall any new county be established, any line of which shall run within ten miles of the county seat of any other county."

The constitution also provides that any new county created shall not take land from any other county which would reduce the population of the county losing the land to less than 17,000 people. The counties affected are so populated that they could scarcely afford to give up sufficient territory to make the new county of 410 miles in area without themselves falling below the apportionment of 17,000 people.

WELLSVILLE GIRL WHO WAS VICTIM OF AUTO ACCIDENT, RECOVERED

Miss Lulu Dever of Wellsville, who was run down by an automobile in Mineola Sunday afternoon, about three o'clock, has recovered sufficient to be discharged from Amanda hospital. She went to her home Friday.

When walking from behind an automobile she did not see the car approaching and was struck down by the fender and run over. In the excitement the driver of the car backed over her body again before the car was stopped.

James Dever, a brother of Wellsville, was immediately notified and left with his son for Mineola. Miss Dever was brought to the Amanda Hospital, where, after an examination, it was found that she was suffering from a dislocated shoulder and bad bruises about the body. She has recovered fully now.

HARDIN GIRL IS RICH BECAUSE OF OIL DISCOVERY ON RESERVATION

The name of Miss Mabel Leahy, who was a student in Hardin College last year is mentioned in an article on "Our Newest American Aristocracy" in the Post Dispatch Sunday.

Miss Leahy, whose family once belonged to the Osage Indian tribe, is one of the many Osage families who have an income of \$10,000 a year because of the oil that has been discovered on what was at one time their reservations.

Her sister, Miss Cora Leahy is a student at the University of Oklahoma and a brother attended M. M. A.

W. S. Danby and wife, who formerly operated a hotel and sanitarium at Bowling Green is moving to Kansas City via the auto route, taking his household goods in a Ford truck. He passed through Mexico Monday.

Mrs. William McClanahan and daughter, of Fulton, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Pearl returned home Tuesday. She was accompanied by Mrs. J. E. Miller and Miss Edith Adams, of Matamoras, Ill.

CUT IN GRAIN RATES PROMISED BY HARDING

WASHINGTON, August 13.—Strong hope for better prices in the agricultural markets is justified by reductions in the railroad rates on grain for export, already in effect and proposed, according to a statement issued at the White House today.

Recent reductions in the export rate on grains between Chicago and New York, the statement said, will be followed by sweeping revisions of grain rates generally, including those from Mississippi River points and on the lines to the gulf, in order that the entire agricultural interest may share fully in the benefits.

Fire Destroys Residence Of George Stewart

Fire of unknown origin that started at 11:15 p. m., Thursday night destroyed the home of George Stewart on Southwestern Ave., just outside the city limits.

The loss, which is partly covered by insurance, is in excess of \$3,000. Scarcely any household furniture or clothing was saved.

Mr. and Mrs. Stewart were in bed when they were awakened by the smell of smoke and arose to find one side of the house in flames. They had time to save only a part of their clothing and a few pieces of furniture.

The fire department made a quick run to the scene, but because of the distance from a fire-plug, the hose would not reach and chemicals proved of no avail.

Mr. Stewart stated that there had been no fire in the kitchen since morning and the house was not wired, so defective wiring was not responsible. He said the fire seemed to have originated in a wall.

Mr. Stewart had recently spent over \$500 remodeling the place.

Miss Vera Rutter Gives Splendid Recital at Hardin

Miss Vera Rutter delighted a large audience at Hardin College Thursday night by her recital, specializing numbers in characteristic and interpretive dancing.

Everyone present was impressed with her grace and her ease of manner which won the favor of her audience immediately.

Her first number, "Clarence," a cutting of the play by Booth Tarkington, was splendidly given and brought a round of applause. Other numbers from Edmund Vance Cooke were equally popular and four character and interpretive dances from Louis Chailif, in whose school she has been studying, brought especial praise. The costumes appropriately carried out the title of each number.

Mrs. Melville Paul accompanied her on the piano splendidly and the whole program proved equally well arranged and carried out.

Miss Rutter is one of Mexico's most talented young girls and deserves much credit for her accomplishments.

Favors The Curfew.

J. Kelley Poole writing in the Centralia Courier says:

"The curfew shall not ring to night," does not apply to Mexico. The curfew will ring in the splendid capital city of Audrain henceforth. And when the town clock booms nine bells in the evening, lad and lassie under eighteen will have to find a place under the sheltering wing of father and mother. It is not a bad idea and one, if lived up to, that will save many boys and girls from ruin. Running wild in the streets and autoing over the country till a late hour has sent not a few lads to the penitentiary and hundreds of youngsters to the state reformatory. Every town and city should have its curfew law."

Gale Johnston Writes From France. A card from Gale Johnston written while in an aeroplane between London and Paris, tells that he has visited many historical places in England and Holland and expects to see France and Germany. He will re-enter Princeton this fall.

Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich, of Knoxville, guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Locke. Mrs. Aldrich is a pleasing relation.

PRESIDENT SENDS FORMAL INVITATION TO PEACE PARLEY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—President Harding's formal invitation to the great powers for a conference here beginning November 11 on disarmament and far eastern problems has just been made public.

The text of the communications transmitted to Great Britain, France, Italy, Japan and China to participate in the conference placed no limitation on the scope of the discussions to be had.

It was quite clear, the invitation said, that "there can be no final assurance of the peace of the world" unless the desire for peace found expression in "a practical effort to remove causes of misunderstandings." For this reason, it was added, the United States wished that, through interchange of views, "it may be possible to find a solution of Pacific and far eastern problems."

The text of the invitation follows: "The President is deeply gratified at the cordial response to his suggestion that there should be a conference on the subject of limitation of armaments, in connection with which the Pacific and far eastern questions should also be discussed."

"Productive labor is staggering under an economic burden too heavy to be borne unless the present vast public expenditures are greatly reduced. It is idle to look for stability, or the assurance of social justice, or the security of peace, while wasteful and unproductive outlays deprive effort of its just reward and defeat the reasonable expectation of progress. The enormous disbursements in the rivalry of armaments manifestly constitute the greater part of the encumbrance upon enterprise and national prosperity, and avoidable or extravagant expense of this nature is not only without economic justification, but is a constant menace to the peace of the world rather than assurance of its preservation."

"It is not the purpose of this government to attempt to define the scope of the discussions in relation to the Pacific and far East, but rather to leave this to be the subject of suggestion to be exchanged before the meeting of the conference in the expectation that the spirit of friendship and cordial appreciation of the importance of the elimination of sources of controversy will govern the final decision."

Morris Keath and Miss Ruth Noah Are Married

Morris Keath of Mexico and Miss Ruth Noah of Topeka, Kansas, were united in marriage at the home of the bride at high noon Saturday in the presence of only the immediate families of the couple.

After the ceremony they left in a car for a trip to Colorado, where they will remain till September 1. On returning to Mexico they will be at home with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Keath till October 1, when they will take the home now occupied by Dr. F. W. Cone on South Jefferson street.

Mr. Keath, who is a graduate of McMillan High and afterwards attended the University of Missouri, is the son of Assistant Postmaster and Mrs. E. B. Keath and is now Assistant Cashier of the First National Bank. He is a very able young man with a host of friends in Mexico.

Mrs. Keath, who is the daughter of Mrs. Ollie Noah, is a graduate of Hardin College, where she was a member of Beta Sigma Omicron and May Queen in 1921. She is an unusually attractive and popular young lady.

The Ledger joins their many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

WOMEN'S PROPOSITION CARRIED BY 11,479 CON. PLETS RETURNS SHOW

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 12.—Complete returns of the special election of August 2 for the entire state have just been announced by the secretary of state as follows:

Constitutional convention: For, 175,375; against, 127,130. Giving women the right to hold office: For, 159,230; against, 147,751. Road bond interest: For, 247,274; against, 59,776. Soldier bonus: For, 210,232; against, 10,131.

Mrs. E. D. Graham has purchased the Gas Graham property in Wood-lawn. Gas Graham and family will shortly leave for California to reside.